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## **Michigan Mental Health Commission to Hold Public Forums**

*Meetings in Grand Rapids, Detroit, Flint and Marquette*

The Michigan Mental Health Commission today announced it would hold four public forums across the state to gather public comment on ways to improve the public mental health system in Michigan. Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed the Mental Health Commission to recommend sweeping changes in both the delivery of service and effectiveness of Michigan's mental health network.

While public comment is encouraged at all business meetings of the Michigan Mental Health Commission, these public forums offer an additional way for Commission members to hear directly from citizens on ways to improve the system.

### **Grand Rapids**

Wednesday, April 7, 2004  
2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
The Conference Centers  
Western Michigan University, Grand Hall  
200 Ionia Avenue, SW, Grand Rapids

### **Detroit**

Wednesday, April 14, 2004  
2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center  
O2-44, Oakland Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, room 44  
One Washington Blvd.

### **Flint**

Tuesday, April 20, 2004  
2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Mott Community College  
Ballroom of the Prael Conference Center  
1402 E. Court Street

### **Marquette**

Thursday, April 29, 2004  
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Northern Michigan University  
Great Lakes Room  
1401 Presque Isle Ave.

The Commission also announced that it is welcoming public comment via their website at [www.michigan.gov/mentalhealth](http://www.michigan.gov/mentalhealth) and is accepting written comments through the mail at:

Michigan Mental Health Commission  
c/o Public Sector Consultants  
600 W. Saint Joseph Street, Suite 10  
Lansing, MI 48933

Or faxed to: (517) 484-6549

The Michigan Mental Health Commission, a temporary body appointed by executive order, is currently re-evaluating the state's publicly-funded mental health system with the ultimate goal of using its recommendations to transform Michigan's mental health system into a national model. The commission is comprised of mental health consumers, advocates, providers, representatives from law enforcement and the courts, policymakers, and the public. The Commission's website is located at [www.michigan.gov/mentalhealth](http://www.michigan.gov/mentalhealth).



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